

King City SS e-Newsletter



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February 26, 2021

Update to Covid-19 School and Child Care Screening

York Region Public Health has updated the [School Self Screening tool](#) this week with additional questions. Please ensure that your family reviews the updated tool and it is used for daily self screening moving forward. Requirements for staff and students to attend school are stricter than other locations.

A reminder that students with Covid-19 symptoms (not related to known causes or conditions) should be tested and not return to school until a negative test result or the end of the isolation period for a positive case. If any member of a household is required to self isolate, no member of that household can attend school.

211 - Social Services Helpline

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Responding to Issues of Racism and Hate in Digital Environments

As was communicated earlier today in an update from the YRDSB, it has come to the attention of the YRDSB that some GAPPS accounts are being used to spread online hate through racist imagery shared and uploaded to GAPPS accounts. After initial scans of profile images uploaded by students and staff across the school board, some images were found to be problematic, prompting the need for the YRDSB to take action.

Starting today, profile images from GAPPS will be removed. Staff and students will participate in learning modules to help recognize racism and hate online and our collective responsibility to dismantle them. Once this learning is complete, students and staff will be allowed to re-access profile images in their GAPPS accounts.

Contact Us

Phone 905.833.5332

Extensions

Reception 150

Attendance 158

Guidance 106

Busing 152

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[Tim Wesson](#) (L-Z)

School Council

[Luisa Gale](#)

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Superintendent

Neil Gunathunge

Trustee

Bob McRoberts



School News

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Launch Event



The York Region District School Board is committed to championing equity and inclusivity. In response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism in Canadian institutions, including in education, the Board has co-developed an anti-Black racism strategy.

The Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black-affirming learning and working environments was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. The launch of the strategy marks a coordinated effort to address anti-Black racism at the Board.

On March 8, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. students, staff and families are invited to the virtual Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy launch event featuring guest presenter Robyn Maynard.

The program will examine anti-Black racism in educational institutions and unveil the Board's strategy. The strategy is designed to dismantle anti-Black racism in all its forms in our schools and workplaces.

The systemic nature of anti-Black racism requires that school boards act proactively to support equitable access to quality education and opportunities for all students, and to challenge the marginalization of Black students, staff and families.

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more details and to register for the event.

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

Monday, March 1st

- ☐ Rotation 2 begins

Wednesday, March 3rd

- ☐ Virtual Picture Day

Thursday, March 4th

- ☐ Online Learning Workshop - block 1

Friday, March 5th

- ☐ Online Learning Workshop - block 1

Thursday, March 11th

- ☐ Feedback Day PM

Friday, March 12th

- ☐ Rotation 3 begins

Wednesday, March 24th

- ☐ Feedback Day PM

Thursday, March 25th

- ☐ Rotation 4 begins

Monday, April 12th

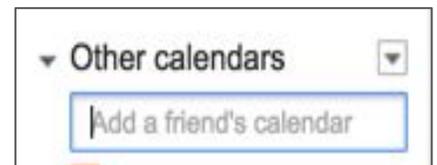
- ☐ Mid semester break begins

Friday, April 16th

- ☐ Mid semester break ends

Do you use Google Calendar?

Add our email address to add our calendar to your calendar, and never miss an event again!



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Report It

Our schools should be safe, welcoming and inclusive places for everyone. It is important that students know what to do if they witness or experience inappropriate behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination.

- There may be situations when you can safely step in and intervene and help.
- Talk to an adult at school, family member or other trusted adult.
- Report the event without the person involved knowing using our online reporting tool, Report It.

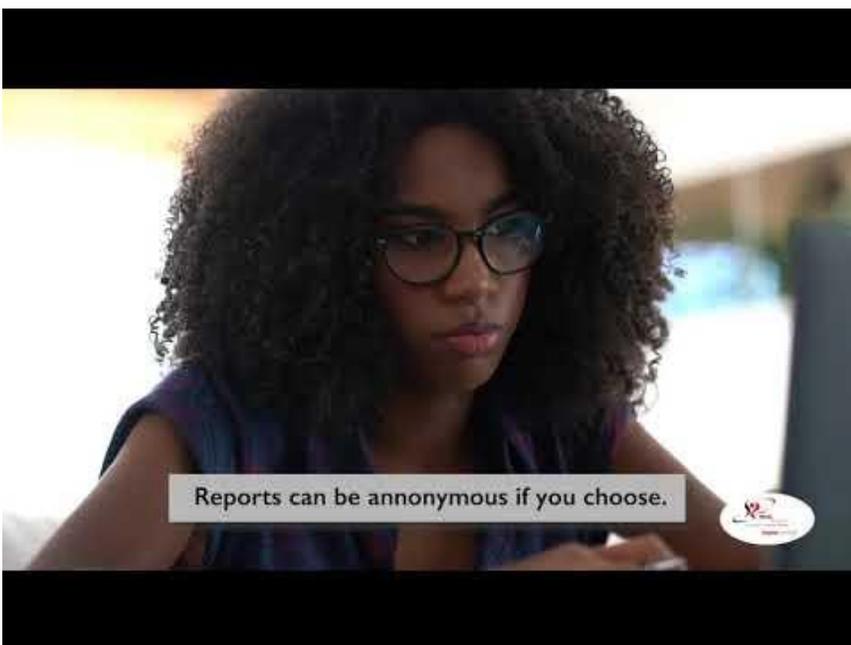
Report It lets you share information about inappropriate student behaviour or incidents of hate or discrimination. You can use the online form to report:

- bullying, drugs, cheating, vandalism, harassment, violence or any other inappropriate behaviour
- incidents of discrimination or hate, including anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamaphobia, sexism, transphobia or other forms of hate

You can report events that happen at school, at school-related events, online or off school property if it negatively affects a student or the school climate. You can also choose to make a report anonymously.

Complete reports are shared with the school to investigate and respond.

Acts of discrimination, hate and bullying are never acceptable. Using the Report It tool is a way of standing up for each other and for ourselves.



You can find Report It on the homepage of the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this short video to learn more.



School News

Virtual Picture Day

On Wednesday March 3, 2021 we will be having a Virtual Picture Day to get your student's picture for the yearbook. Please make sure your student is prepared to upload their picture during their 12:20pm class on Wednesday March 3 at <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=kingcitylions>.

If you would prefer, you will have the ability to upload portraits anytime from Feb 26th - March 3, 2021 using the infographic below. Please only upload one portrait per student.

For more information on how to upload their photo you can look at the infographic below or watch this video <https://yearbookdiscoveries.com/hj-eshare/parents/>

**Reminder: The last day to buy the yearbook is March 31, 2021 - they can be purchased through school cash online: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

From our Green Team - International Polar Bear Day February 27th

International Polar Bear Day is on February 27. This day raises awareness towards polar bears and their habitat in the Arctic. Polar Bear moms and their newborn cubs live in snow dens.

Did you know that polar bears are born blind and weigh only about one pound?

Snow dens provide polar bear cubs a safe and protective shelter for them to grow. As a result of climate change, polar bear moms and cubs can lose their dens due to the warmer weather. Losing a den will reduce the polar bear population. This made lead to the extinction of polar bears.

What can you do to help?

To save the polar bear's habitat, we need to **greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions**. A simple solution would be to work on reducing your carbon footprint.



You can do this by:

1. Opting to walk, take public transport, or bike to school or work.
2. Turn off the lights in your house when they are not in use.
3. Reduce your consumption of animal products.
4. Limit your use of single-use plastic, such as plastic bags and straws.

If you want to learn more about International Polar Bear Day, [click here](#).

The Green Team meets every Wednesday, virtually, after school. Interested students should contact Ms. Strong

HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO

Here is a step-by-step guide for KCSS students to upload your photo for the 2020-2021 yearbook!



STEP ONE

- Take multiple photos with your phone or camera
- Guidelines for the photo can be found to the right



Guidelines:

- Clothing must match school rules (No curse words, drugs, weapons, offensive symbols, hoods, bandannas
 - use your common sense)
- Be mindful of lighting
- Make sure the photo is not blurry
- Try to have a clean background

STEP TWO

- Look through the photos you took
- Try to pick ONE that best follows the guidelines
- Pick ONE that you want to upload



CLICK ME!

STEP THREE

- Click the image on the left to go to the upload website
- Alternatively, head to:
<http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=kingcitylions>

STEP FOUR

- Fill in the required information on the website
- You do not need to use a real phone number

STEP FIVE

- Select student portrait option
- Upload your photo and the required information
- Confirm, and you are finished!





211 CENTRAL FACT SHEET

What is 2-1-1?

211 is a free service that connects individuals and families with the complete range of government, health, community and social services in their communities.

211 Central Quick Facts:

- 211 can be accessed by:
 - Phone (Call 2-1-1 / Toll-Free Number: 1-877-330-3213 / TTY: 1-888-340-1001)
 - Online (Search [211Central.ca](#) for Toronto, Peel and York Regions / [Durham.211Central.ca](#) for Durham Region / [211Ontario.ca](#) for province-wide / [211.ca](#) for nation-wide)
 - Text (Send an SMS to 21166 / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
 - Live Chat ([211Ontario.ca/chat](#) / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
 - E-mail (gethelp@211Ontario.ca / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
- 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 (even on holidays) in 150+ languages
- When you dial 2-1-1, the line is answered by certified Service Navigators who will help you navigate the complexities of the human services system quickly and easily
- Contact 2-1-1 for information and referral to:
 - Health Services & Mental Health Supports
 - Income Support & Financial Assistance
 - Food Banks & Meal Programs
 - Housing Help
 - Seniors Support Services
 - [and more...](#)

Next time you are facing a non-emergency situation or are seeking community help and don't know where to turn, remember to contact 211! Help starts here.

We're hiring for summer jobs!



Apply today

Ontario.ca/SummerStudents

